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Blessing of a Crib

This blessing may be made by any family, led by one of the parents or one of the children.

Verse. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Response. Who hath made heaven and earth.

All say the Antiphon: O great mystery and wonderful sign, dumb beasts saw the new born Lord lying in a crib.

CANTICLE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

My soul * doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit * doth rejoice in God my Savior.

For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaid; * lo, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done great things for me, * and holy is His name.

And His mercy is from generation to generation * to them that fear Him.

He hath shown strength with his arms; * He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seats, * and hath exalted the lowly.

The hungry He hath filled with good things; * the rich He hath sent away empty.

He hath helped Israel, His servant, * being mindful of his mercy.

As He hath promised our fathers, * Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

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THE THREE CHRISTMAS MASSES

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Midnight Mass

The Mass of the Catechumens

THE PRAYERS AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✝ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.	In nomine Patris, et Filii, ✝ et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.
I will go in to the altar of God.	Introibo ad altare Dei.
People: To God, the joy of my youth.	Ad Deum, qui laetificat juventutem meam.
Priest: Give judgment for me, O God, and decide my cause against an unholy people, from unjust and deceitful men deliver me.	Judica me, Deus, et discerne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab homine iniquo et doloso erue me.

People: For Thou, O God, art my strength, / why hast Thou forsaken me? / And why do I go about in sadness, / while the enemy afflicts me?

Quia tu es, Deus, fortitudo mea: / quare me reppulisti, / et quare tristis incedo, / dum affligit me inimicus?

Priest: Send forth Thy light and Thy truth; for they have led me and brought me to Thy holy hill and Thy dwelling place.

Emitte lucem tuam et veritatem tuam: ipsa me deduxerunt, et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in tabernacula tua.

People: And I will go in to the altar of God, / to God, the joy of my youth.

Et introibo ad altare Dei: / ad Deum, / qui laetificat juventutem meam.

Priest: I shall yet praise Thee upon the harp, O God, my God. Why art thou sad, my soul, and why dost thou trouble me?

Confitebor tibi in cithara, Deus, Deus meus: quare tristis es, anima mea, et quare conturbas me?

People: Trust in God, for I shall yet praise Him, / the salvation of my countenance and my God.

Spera in Deo, / quoniam adhuc confitebor illi: / salutare vultus mei, / et Deus meus.

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

People: As it was in the beginning, / is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper: / et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Priest: I will go in to the altar of God.

Introibo ad altare Dei.

People: To God, the joy of my youth.

Ad Deum qui laetificat juventutem meam.

Priest: Our help ✝ is in the name of the Lord.

Adjutorium nostrum ✝ in nomine Domini.

People: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Qui fecit caelum et terram.

(The Priest says the Confiteor, at the end of which he asks the people to pray for him.)

People: May Almighty God have mercy on thee and forgive thee thy sins, / and bring thee to life everlasting.

Misereatur tui omnipotens Deus, / et, dimissis peccatis tuis, / perducat te ad vitam aeternam.

Priest: Amen.

Amen.

People: I confess to Almighty God, / to blessed Mary, ever Virgin, / to blessed Michael the Archangel, / to blessed John the Baptist, / the holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, / and all the saints, / and to you, Father, / that I have sinned exceeding-

Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, / beatae Mariae semper Virgini, / beato Michaeli Archangelo, / beato Joanni Baptistae, / sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, / omnibus Sanctis, / et tibi, pater, / quia peccavi nimis, / cogitatione, ver-

ly, / in thought, word and deed, / through my fault / through my fault, / through my most grievous fault. / Therefore I beseech blessed Mary, ever Virgin, / blessed Michael the Archangel, / blessed John the Baptist, / the holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, / and all the saints and you, Father, / to pray to the Lord our God for me.

bo et opere: / mea culpa, / mea culpa, / mea maxima culpa. / Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, / beatum Michaelem Archangelum, / beatum Joannem Baptistam, / sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum, / omnes Sanctos, / et te, pater, / orare pro me ad Dominum, Deum nostrum.

Priest: May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.

Misereatur vestri omnipotens Deus, et, dimissis peccatis vestris, perducat vos ad vitam aeternam.

People: Amen.

Amen.

Priest: May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution ✝ and full remission of our sins.

Indulgentiam, absolutionem, ✝ et remissionem peccatorum nostrorum tribuat nobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus.

People: Amen.

Amen.

Priest: Thou wilt turn, O God, and bring us to life.

Deus, tu conversus vivificabis nos.

People: And Thy people shall rejoice in Thee.

Et plebs tua laetabitur in te.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy.	Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.
People: And grant us Thy salvation.	Et salutare tuum da nobis.
Priest: O Lord, hear my prayer.	Domine, exaudi orationem meam.
People: And let my cry come unto Thee.	Et clamor meus ad te veniat.
Priest: The Lord be with you.	Dominus vobiscum.
People: And with thy spirit.	Et cum spiritu tuo.
Priest: Let us pray.	Oremus.

Going up the steps: Take away from us our sins, O Lord, that we may enter with pure minds into the holy of holies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As he kisses the altar: We beseech Thee, O Lord, by the merits of Thy saints, whose relics lie here, and of all the saints: deign in Thy mercy to pardon me all my sins. Amen.

THE INTROIT

At the Dawn Mass see page 29. At Daytime Mass, page 32.

Ps. 2. The Lord said to Me:
You are My Son;
This day I have begotten You.
Why do the nations clamor?
Why do the peoples plan vain things?
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.
The Lord said to Me: You are My Son;
This day I have begotten You.

THE KYRIE

Priest: Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.
People: Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.

Priest: Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.
People: Christ, have mercy. Christe eleison.
Priest: Christ, have mercy. Christe eleison.
People: Christ, have mercy. Christe eleison.
Priest: Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.
People: Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.
Priest: Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.

THE GLORIA

Priest and People: Glory to God in the highest. / And on earth peace to men of good will. / We praise Thee. / We bless Thee. / We adore Thee. / We glorify Thee. / We give thanks for Thy great glory. / O Lord God, heavenly King, / God the Father Almighty. / O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son. / O Lord God, Lamb of God, / Son of the Father. / Who takest away the

Gloria in excelsis Deo. / Et in terra pax hominibus / bonae voluntatis. / Laudamus te. / Benedicimus te. / Adoramus te. / Glorificamus te. / Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. / Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, / Deus pater omnipotens. / Domine Fili unigenite, / Jesu Christe. / Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. / Qui tollis peccata mun-

sins of the world, / have mercy on us. / Who takest away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer. / Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For Thou alone art holy, / Thou alone art Lord. / Thou alone, O Jesus Christ, art most high. / Together with the Holy Spirit, / ✝ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

di, / miserere nobis. / Qui tollis peccata mundi, / suscipe deprecationem nostram. / Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, / miserere nobis. / Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, / Tu solus Dominus. / Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe. / Cum Sancto Spiritu / ✝ in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Priest: The Lord be with you. — Dominus vobiscum.

People: And with thy spirit. — Et cum spiritu tuo.

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Let us pray. O God, who hast made this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light, grant we beseech You, that we, who have known the mystery of His light on earth, may enjoy as well His happiness in heaven. Who lives and reigns with God the Father, in the union of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. — per omnia saecula saeculorum.

People: Amen. — Amen.

THE EPISTLE

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Titus 2, 11-15. Beloved: The grace of God our Savior has appeared to all men, instructing us, in order that, rejecting ungodliness and worldly lusts, we may live temperately and justly and piously in this world; looking for the blessed hope and glorious coming of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and cleanse for Himself an acceptable people, pursuing good works. Thus speak, and exhort, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Deo gratias.

THE GRADUAL

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Ps. 109. With You is princely power on the day of Your strength,
In holy adornment;
From the womb before the day-star I have begotten You.
. . . The Lord said to my Lord:
Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your foes the footstool of Your feet,
Alleluia, alleluia.
The Lord said to Me:
Ps. 2. You are My Son;
This day I have begotten You. Alleluia.

THE PRAYER BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Cleanse my heart and my lips, O almighty God, who didst cleanse the lips of the prophet Isaias with a burning coal; deign of Thy gracious mercy, so to purify me that I may worthily proclaim Thy holy Gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, grant Thy blessing. The Lord be in my heart and on my lips, that I may worthily and fittingly proclaim His holy Gospel. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you. Dominus vobiscum.

People: And with thy spirit. Et cum spiritu tuo.

At the Dawn Mass, see page 30. At Daytime Mass, page 28.

Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Luke. Luke 2, 1-14. At that time: There went forth a decree from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrinus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register. And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem—because he was of the house and family of David—to register, together with Mary his espoused

wife, who was with child. And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly. And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people; for there has been born to you today in the town of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth among men of good will."

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ. Laus tibi, Christe.

Priest: By the words of the holy Gospel may our sins be blotted out.

THE CREED

Priest: I believe in one God, **Priest and People:** the Father Almighty, / Maker of heaven and earth, / and of all things visible and invisible. / And in one Lord Jesus Christ, / the only begotten Son of God. / Born of the Father before all ages. / God of God, light of light, / true God of true God. / Begotten, not made / of one being with the Father; / by whom all things were made. / Who for us men, / and for our salvation / came down from Heaven. *(genuflect)* AND WAS MADE FLESH OF THE VIRGIN MARY / BY THE HOLY SPIRIT / AND WAS MADE MAN. /

Credo in unum Deum. Patrem omnipotentem, / factorem caeli et terrae, / visibilium omnium et invisibilium. / Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, / Filium Dei unigenitum. / Et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula. / Deum de Deo, / lumen de lumine, / Deum verum de Deo vero. / Genitum, non factum, / consubstantialem Patri: / per quem omnia facta sunt. / Qui propter nos homines / et propter nostram salutem / descendit de caelis. / *(genuflect)* ET INCARNATUS EST DE SPIRITU SANCTO EX MARIA VIRGINE: / ET HOMO FACTUS EST. /

He was also crucified for us, / suffered under Pontius Pilate and was buried. / And on the third day He rose again! according to the Scriptures ! And ascending into Heaven, / He sitteth at the right hand of the Father. / And He shall come again in glory / to judge the living and the dead; / and of His kingdom there shall be no end. / And in the Holy Spirit; / Lord and Giver of life, / who proceedeth from the Father and the Son. / Who together with the Father and the Son / is no less adored and glorified; / who spoke by the prophets. / And in one holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. / I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. / And I look for the resurrection of the dead, / ✝ and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis: / sub Pontio Pilato passus et sepultus est. / Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. / Et ascendit in caelum; / sedet ad dexteram Patris. / Et iterum venturus est cum gloria / judicare vivos et mortuos: / cuius regni non erit finis. / Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem: / qui ex Patri, Filioque procedit. / Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, / et conglorificatur: / qui locutus est per Prophetas. / Et unam, sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam. / Confiteor unum baptisma / in remissionem peccatorum. / Et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorum. / ✝ Et vitam venturi saeculi.
Amen.

THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL

This is the actual eucharistic sacrifice. It is divided into two parts, the sacrifice-oblation (Offertory and Consecration) and the sacrifice-banquet (Communion).

THE OFFERTORY

Priest: The Lord be with you. Dominus vobiscum.

People: And with thy spirit. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Priest: Let us pray. Oremus.

OFFERTORY CHANT

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Ps. 95. Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be glad before the face of the Lord, for He comes.

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

OFFERING OF THE BREAD

Accept, O holy Father, almighty and eternal God, this spotless host which I, Thy unworthy servant, offer unto Thee, my living and true God, to atone for my numberless sins, offenses and negligences; on behalf of all here present and likewise for all faithful Christians living and dead, that it may profit me and them as a means of salvation unto life everlasting. Amen.

WHEN THE PRIEST POURS WINE AND WATER INTO THE CHALICE

O God, who hast established the nature of man in wondrous dignity and even more wondrously hast renewed it, grant that through the mystery of this water

and wine, we may be made partakers of His Divinity, who has deigned to become partaker of our humanity, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee, in the union of the Holy Spirit, God world without end. Amen.

WE OFFER THE CHALICE

We offer unto Thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, humbly begging of Thy mercy that it may arise before Thy divine Majesty with a pleasing fragrance, for our salvation and for that of all the world. Amen.

WE OFFER OURSELVES

In a humble spirit and a contrite heart, may we be accepted by Thee, O Lord, and may our sacrifice so be offered in Thy sight this day as to please Thee, O Lord God.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Thou Sanctifier, almighty and eternal God, and bless this sacrifice prepared for the glory of Thy holy Name.

The priest washes his hands and says the "Lavabo." The washing of hands is necessary after handling the censer. This action also expresses the spiritual purity everyone who offers the Sacrifice should possess.

I will wash my hands among the innocent, and will walk 'round Thy altar, O God. To hear the voice of Thy praise and to tell all Thy wondrous deeds. Lord, I love the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwells. Destroy not my soul with the impious, O God, nor my life with men of blood. In whose hands there is iniquity, whose right hand is full of bribes. But as for me, I walk in my innocence, rescue me and

be gracious to me. My foot is on the straight way, in assemblies will I bless Thee, O Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY TRINITY

Accept, most holy Trinity, this offering which we are making to Thee in remembrance of the passion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, our Lord; and in honor of blessed Mary ever virgin, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and of these, and of all the saints; that it may add to their honor and aid our salvation; and may they deign to intercede in heaven for us who honor their memory here on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may become acceptable to God the Father almighty.

Orate, fratres: ut meum ac vestrum sacrificium acceptabile fiat apud Deum Patrem omnipotentem.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy Hands, / unto the praise and glory of His name, / for our advantage and that of all His holy Church.

Suscipiat Dominus sacrificium / de manibus tuis, / ad laudem et gloriam nominis sui, / ad utilitatem quoque nostram, / totiusque Ecclesiae suae sanctae.

Priest: Amen.

Amen.

THE SECRET

At Dawn Mass, see page 31. At Daytime Mass, page 35.

May the offering of today's festival be accepted by You, O Lord, that by Your grace and through this holy relation, we may be found like Him in whom we are substantially united to You. Who lives and reigns with Thee, in the union of the Holy Spirit, God world without end. per omnia saecula saeculorum.

People: Amen. Amen.

THE CONSECRATION

The great eucharistic prayer or the Canon of the Mass.

THE PREFACE

(i. e., the beginning of the Canon)

Priest: The Lord be with you. Dominus vobiscum.

People: And with thy spirit. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Priest: Lift up your hearts. Sursum corda.

People: We have them lifted up to the Lord. Habemus ad Dominum.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.

People: It is fitting and just. Dignum et justum est.

Priest: It is fitting indeed and just, right and helpful to salvation, for us always and everywhere to give thanks to Thee, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God. Because by the mystery of the Word made flesh the new light of Thy glory has shone upon the eyes of our mind: that while we acknowledge Him to be God seen by men, we may be drawn by Him to the love of things unseen. And therefore with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the heavenly hosts, we sing a hymn to Thy glory, saying again and again:

Priest and People:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! / Heaven and earth are filled with Thy glory. / Hosanna in the highest! / Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. / Hosanna in the highest!

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, / Dominus, Deus Sabaoth. / Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. / Hosanna in excelsis. / Benedictus, qui venit in nomine Domini. / Hosanna in excelsis.

THE CANON

(i. e., the body of the Canon-prayer)

Three Mementos:

I. THE CHURCH

Therefore, most gracious Father, we humbly beg of Thee and entreat Thee, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, to deem acceptable and bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unspotted oblations; which we offer unto Thee in first instance for Thy holy and Catholic Church, that Thou wouldst deign to give her peace and protection, to unite and guide her the whole world over; together with Thy servant, N., our Pope, and N., our Bishop, and all true believers, who cherish the catholic and apostolic faith.

II. THE LIVING

Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants and handmaids *(name those for whom you wish to pray)* and of all here present, whose faith is known to Thee, and likewise their devotion, on whose behalf we offer unto Thee, or who themselves offer unto Thee, this sacrifice of praise for themselves and all their own, for the good of their souls, for their hope of salvation and deliverance from all harm, and who pay Thee the homage which they owe Thee, eternal God, living and true.

III. THE SAINTS

In the unity of holy fellowship, and keeping this most holy day, (night) on which the spotless virginity of Blessed Mary brought forth a Savior to this world; and also reverencing the memory first of the glorious Mary, ever Virgin, Mother of our Lord and God Jesus Christ; next that of Thy

blessed apostles and martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus; of Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all Thy saints, by whose merits and prayers grant that we may be always fortified by the help of Thy protection. Through the same
Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER Graciously accept, then, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this service of our worship and that of all Thy household. Provide that our days be spent in Thy peace, save us from everlasting damnation, and cause us to be numbered in the flock Thou hast chosen. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVOCATION PRAYER Do Thou, O God, deign to bless what we offer, and make it approved, effective, right, and wholly pleasing in every way, that it may be, for our good, the Body and Blood of Thy dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

CONSECRATION OF THE BREAD

Who, the day before He suffered, took bread into His holy and venerable hands, and having raised His eyes to heaven, unto Thee, His almighty Father, giving thanks to Thee, blessed, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take ye all and eat of this:
For this is My Body.

In like manner, when the supper was done, taking also this goodly chalice into His holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks to Thee, He blessed it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take ye all, and drink of this: **For this is the chalice of My Blood of the new and eternal covenant: the mystery of faith, which shall be shed for you and for many unto the forgiveness of sins.** As often as you shall do these things, in memory of Me shall you do them.

OFFERING IN MEMORY

Mindful, therefore, O Lord, not only of the blessed passion of the same Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, but also of His resurrection from the dead, and finally His glorious ascension into heaven, we, Thy servants, as also Thy holy people, offer unto Thy supreme majesty, of the gifts bestowed upon us, the pure victim, the holy victim, the all-perfect victim: the holy Bread of life eternal and the Chalice of unending salvation.

OFFERING PRAYER

And this do Thou deign to regard with gracious and kindly attention and hold acceptable, as Thou didst deign to accept the offerings of Abel, Thy just servant, and the sacrifice of Abraham our Patriarch, and that which Thy chief priest Melchisedech, offered unto Thee, a holy sacrifice and a spotless victim.

INVOCATION PRAYER Most humbly we implore Thee, almighty God, bid these offerings to be brought by the hands of Thy holy Angel unto Thy altar above; before the face of Thy divine majesty; that those of us who, by sharing in the Sacrifice of this altar, shall receive the most sacred Body and Blood of Thy Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Three Mementos:

I. THE DEAD Be mindful, O Lord, also of Thy servants and handmaids who have gone before us with the sign of faith, and rest in the sleep of peace. *(Name those you wish to remember.)* To these, O Lord, and to all who sleep in Christ, we beseech Thee, to grant of Thy goodness, a place of comfort, light and peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

II. US SINNERS To us also, sinners, yet Thy servants, trusting in the greatness of Thy mercy, deign to grant some part and fellowship with Thy holy apostles and martyrs: with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and all Thy saints; into whose company we implore Thee to admit us, not weighing our merits, but freely granting us pardon. Through Christ our Lord.

III. ALL NATURE Through whom, Lord, Thou dost ever create, hallow, fill with life, bless and bestow upon us all these good things.

DOXOLOGY Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, is to Thee, God the Father almighty, in the union of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory world without end.

per omnia saecula saeculorum.

People: Amen.

Amen.

THE COMMUNION
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray / Directed by saving precepts / and schooled in divine teaching, / we make bold to say: /

Oremus. / Praeceptis salutaribus moniti / et divina institutione formati, / audemus dicere: /

Priest and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven, / hallowed be Thy name; / Thy kingdom come; / Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. / Give us this day our daily bread; / and forgive us our trespasses / as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Pater noster, qui es in caelis: / Sanctificetur nomen tuum: / Adveniat regnum tuum; / Fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo, et in terra. / Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie: / Et dimitte nobis debita nostra, / sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris.

And lead us not into temptation. / But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Et ne nos inducas in tentationem. / Sed libera nos a malo. Amen.

Priest: Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and through the intercession of the glorious and blessed Mary, ever virgin, Mother of God, together with Thy blessed apostles, Peter and Paul and Andrew, and all the saints, grant of Thy goodness, peace in our days, that aided by the riches of Thy mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all disquiet. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee, in the union of the Holy Spirit, God world without end. per omnia saecula saeculorum.

People: Amen. Amen.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Priest: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum.

People: And with thy spirit. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Priest: May this mingling and hallowing of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ help us who receive it unto life everlasting. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

Priest and People: Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PRIEST

O Lord Jesus Christ, who has said to Thy apostles: Peace I leave you, My peace I give to you, regard not my sins but the faith of Thy Church, and deign to give her peace and unity according to Thy will. Who lives and reigns, God world without end. Amen.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of the living God Who by the will of the Father, with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit, hast by Thy death given life to the world, deliver me by this Thy most sacred Body and Blood from all my sins and from every evil. Make me always cling to Thy commands, and never permit me to be separated from Thee. Who with the same God the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, God world without end. Amen.

Let not the partaking of Thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, though unworthy, make bold to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation, but by reason of Thy loving kindness, may it be to me a safeguard of both soul and body, and an effective remedy. Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the union of the Holy Spirit, God world without end. Amen.

I will take the Bread of Heaven, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof; but only say the word and my soul will be healed. *(three times)*

May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep my soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

What return shall I make to the Lord for all He hath given me? I will take the chalice of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Praising will I call upon the Lord and I shall be saved from my enemies.

May the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep my soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.

Priest and People:

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof; but only say the word and my soul will be healed. *(three times)*

Domine, non sum dignus ut intres sub tectum meum: sed tantum dic verbo et sanabitur anima mea.

For each communicant the priest says:

May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

THE ABLUTIONS

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what is given us in time, be our healing for eternity.

May Thy Body, O Lord, which I have eaten, and Thy Blood which I have drunk, cleave unto my very soul, and grant that no trace of sin be found in me, whom these pure and holy mysteries have refreshed. Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

COMMUNION CHANT

At Dawn Mass, see page 31. At Daytime Mass, page 35.

Ps. 109. In holy adornment
From the womb before the day-star
I have begotten you.

THE POST-COMMUNION

Priest: The Lord be with you. Dominus vobiscum.
People: And with thy spirit. Et cum spiritu tuo.

At Dawn Mass, see page 31. At Daytime Mass, page 35.

Let us pray. Grant, we pray You, O Lord our God, that we, who are happy in celebrating in this mystery the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, by a worthy life may attain to fellowship with Him. Who lives and reigns with You, in the union of the Holy Spirit, God

world without end. per omnia saecula saeculorum.

People: Amen. Amen.

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

Priest: The Lord be with you. Dominus vobiscum.

People: And with thy spirit. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Priest: Go: you are sent forth. Ite missa est.

People: Thanks be to God. Deo gratias.

Bowing down at the center of the altar:

May the tribute of my worship be pleasing to Thee, most holy Trinity, and grant that the sacrifice which I, all unworthy, have offered in the presence of Thy majesty, may be acceptable to Thee, and through Thy mercy obtain forgiveness for me and all for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: May God almighty bless you: The Father, the Son, ✝ and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(No Last Gospel said at Daytime Mass)

THE LAST GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you. Dominus vobiscum.

People: And with thy spirit. Et cum spiritu tuo.

The beginning of the holy Gospel according to St. John.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. Gloria tibi, Domine.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God; and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was made nothing that has been made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness; and the darkness grasped it not. There was a man, one sent from God, whose name was John. This man came as a witness, to bear witness concerning the light, that all might believe through him. He was not himself the light, but was to bear witness to the light. It was the true light that enlightens every man who comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But to as many as received Him He gave the power of becoming sons of God; to those who believe in His name: Who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And *the word was made flesh,* and dwelt among us. And we saw His glory—glory as of the only-begotten of the Father—full of grace and of truth.

People: Thanks be to God. Deo gratias.

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THE INTROIT

Isaias 9. A light shall shine upon us this day, For our Lord is born to us; And He shall be called wonderful, God, the Prince of Peace. The Father of the world to come.

Ps. 92. The Lord is King: He is robed in glory. He has clad and girded Himself with power. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

A light shall shine upon us this day, For our Lord is born to us; And He shall be called wonderful, God, the Prince of Peace. The Father of the world to come; Of whose reign there shall be no end.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray. Grant to us, who are surrounded with the new light of Your incarnate Word, we pray You, almighty God, that the faith which shines in our minds, may also be shown in our actions. Through the same Lord, etc.

Commemorate St. Anastasia thus:

Let us pray. Grant, we pray You, almighty God, that we, who are keeping the festival of blessed Anastasia, Your martyr, may benefit by her intercession with You. Through our Lord, etc.

THE EPISTLE

Titus 3, 4-7. Dearly beloved: When the goodness and kindness of God our Savior appeared, then not by reason of good works that we did ourselves, but accord-

ing to His mercy, He saved us through the bath of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit; whom He has abundantly poured out upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior, in order that, justified by His grace, we may be heirs in the hope of life everlasting, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE GRADUAL

Ps. 117. Blessed in the name of the Lord is He that comes; The Lord is God and He gives us light. This is the work of the Lord: It is marvelous in our eyes! Alleluia, alleluia.

Ps. 92. The Lord is King: He is robed in glory. He has clad and girded Himself with power. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2, 15-20. At that time: The shepherds were saying to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste, and they found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard marvelled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these words, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

OFFERTORY CHANT

Ps. 92. God has made firm the world. It totters never. Your throne, O God, stands firm since the days of old; From eternity You are.

THE SECRET

May our gifts, we pray You, O Lord, prove fitting for today's mystery of the Nativity, and always fill us with peace; so that, just as He who was born as man did shine with the brightness of God, so also these earthly things may bring to us the divine. Through the same Lord, etc.

Commemorate St. Anastasia thus:

Graciously receive, we pray You, O Lord, the gifts we offer, and grant that the merits of the blessed martyr Anastasia may prove a help to our salvation. Through our Lord, etc.

COMMUNION CHANT

Zach. 9. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion.
Shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem: Behold thy King comes, the holy, the Savior of the world.

THE POST-COMMUNION

Let us pray. May the new sacramental grace of this birthday ever restore us, O Lord, whose wonderful birth has already banished the old nature. Through the same Lord, etc.

Commemorate St. Anastasia thus:

Let us pray. You have filled Your family, O Lord, with sacred gifts; we pray You that her intercession, whose festival we celebrate, may always be our comfort. Through our Lord, etc.

THE INTROIT

Isaias 9. A Child is born to us, and a Son is given to us;

Whose government is upon His shoulder;

And His name shall be called the Angel of great counsel.

Ps. 97. Sing to the Lord a new song,
For He has wrought wonders.

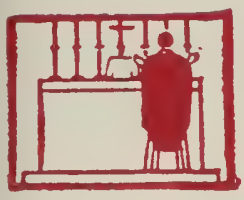
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

A Child is born to us, and a Son is given to us;
Whose government is upon His shoulder;

And His name shall be called the Angel of great counsel.

THE COLLECT



Let us pray. Grant, we pray You, almighty God; that the new birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free, whom the ancient enslavement holds beneath the yoke of sin. Through the same Lord, etc.

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 1, 1-12. Dearly beloved: God, Who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, last of all in these days has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the world; who, being the brightness of His glory and the image of His substance, and upholding all things by the word of His power, has effected man's purgation from sin and taken His seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much superior to the angels as He has inherited a more excellent name than they. For to which of the angels has He ever said, "You are my Son, I this day have begotten You"? and again, "I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to me a Son"? And again, when

He brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "And let all the angels of God adore Him." And of the angels indeed He says, "He makes His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire." But of the Son, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and a sceptre of equity is the sceptre of Your kingdom. You have loved justice and hated iniquity; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your fellows." And, "You in the beginning, O Lord, did found the earth, and the heavens are works of Your hands. They shall perish, but You shalt continue; And they shall all grow old as does a garment, and as a vesture shall You change them, and they shall be changed. But You are the same, and Your years shall not fail."

THE GRADUAL

Ps. 97. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Sing joyfully to God, all the earth.
The Lord has made known His salvation:
He has revealed His justice in the sight of the gentiles.

Alleluia, alleluia.

A sanctified day has shone upon us.
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord;
For today a great light has come down upon the earth.
Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

The beginning of the holy Gospel according to Saint John. (Page 28).

OFFERTORY CHANT

Ps. 88. Yours are the Heavens, and Yours is the earth; All the earth and what fills it You have established. Justice and right are the stay of Your throne.

THE SECRET

Hallow, O Lord, the gifts we offer on the new birthday of Your only-begotten Son, and cleanse us from the stains of our sins. Through the same Lord, etc.

COMMUNION CHANT

Ps. 97. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

THE POST-COMMUNION

Let us pray. Grant, we pray Thee, almighty God, that just as the Savior of the world, who is born today, is the author of our divine generation, so may He Himself be the giver of immortality. Who lives and reigns, etc.

In the third Mass the Last Gospel is completely omitted and the Mass ends with the Last Blessing.

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

I give thee thanks O holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God, who hast vouchsafed, not through any merits of mine, but out of the condescension of thy great mercy, to satisfy me a sinner, thine unworthy servant, with the precious body and blood of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that this holy Communion be not to me a condemnation unto punishment, but a saving plea unto forgiveness. May it be unto me the armour of faith and the shield of goodwill. May it be the emptying out of my vices and the extinction of all concupiscence and lust; an increase of charity and patience, of humility and obedience, and of all virtues; a strong defence against the snares of all mine enemies, visible and invisible; the perfect quieting of all my evil impulses, both fleshly and ghostly; a firm cleaving unto thee, the one true God; and a pledge of a happy consummation. And I pray thee that thou wouldst vouchsafe to bring me a sinner to that ineffable banquet, where thou, with thy Son and thy Holy Spirit, art to thy saints true light, fullness of content, eternal joy, gladness without alloy, and perfect bliss. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

—St. Thomas

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The Antiphon is repeated: O great mystery and wonderful sign, dumb beasts saw the new born Lord lying in a crib.

A member of the family reads from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (2:15-20):

At that time, the shepherds said one to another: Let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see this word that is come to pass, which the Lord hath showed to us. And they came with haste: and they found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. And seeing they understood of the word that had been spoken to them concerning this child. And all that heard wondered: and at those things that were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

R. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.
V. The Word was made flesh. Alleluia.
R. And dwelt among us. Alleluia.
V. O Lord hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray:

Bless, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, this crib which we have prepared in honor of the new birth in the flesh of Thine only begotten Son, that all who devoutly contemplate in this image the mystery of His Incarnation may be filled with the light of His Glory, Who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end.

R. Amen.